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To:

Elected representatives of the tax payers of Connecticut.

As a Connecticut resident, tax payer and US Navy Veteran, I strongly protest the use of my tax dollars to pay for the education of people who have broken the law and are living illegally in the United States.

We, the US citizens and legal residents of the United States currently pay a substantial amount of tax dollars to provide low/no cost medical care and housing for people in the US illegally. How much more will it take before this burden destroys our country?

We have thousands of needy US citizens worthy of educational aid and assistance. Charity begins at home. Lets support our own citizens and provide educational assistance for Connecticut citizens first.

My wife and I educated three children and not without sacrifice. I can appreciate the value and the need of a good education.

I can also appreciate the plight of many of our own citizens, friends and neighbors, struggling to educate their children today. Funding college educations for illegal's is just plain wrong, rewards illegal behavior and sends a very bad message to hard working Americans.

If there is a desire to educate people who are in the US illegally, let the private colleges and universities fund the programs, not the US taxpayer.

My children all attended private universities and I know there are many programs available to provide assistance for well qualified candidates, regardless of immigration status. That is the choice of the private sector - not the mandate of the State or Federal government.

I am against any further subsidies, aid, assistance and incentives to encourage people to break the law to enter the United States. No tuition aid in Connecticut. Bob McGarrah
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